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In re U.S. Patent Application of

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Dear Sir:

The Applicant submits the following Amendment and Reply to the Office Action mailed November 10, 2003. A shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on February 10, 2003, which is three (3) months from the mailing date of this action. Since this Amendment and Reply is being timely submitted within this shortened statutory period, no extension of time and associated fee are necessary.